

1. (Amended) A method of making glass, the method comprising:

processing a molten glass batch including Se, including adding Epsom salt to the batch in an amount sufficient to reduce Se burnoff during melting and/or processing, in order to form a resulting glass product comprising SiO₂ and Se, so that the resulting glass product retains at least 30% of the Se originally present prior to melting.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the Epsom salt comprises MgSO₄ x 7H₂O.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising adding the Epsom salt to the batch in an amount of from 0.1 to 2.0% by weight.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2003. Non-elected claims 27-31 have been canceled, without prejudice in view of the Restriction Requirement (election confirmed). Claim 4 has also been canceled. Thus, claims 1-3 and 5-26 are now pending. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim(s) by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 13-26. Applicant further notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 4-6